GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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ENCYCLOPAEDIA ON FREEDOM FIGHTERS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to prepare an encyclopaedia on revolutionaries and freedom fighters who contributed to the Freedom Struggle of 1857 and the events related thereto;

(b) if so,the details and salient features thereof;

(c) whether the Government has decided to provide financial as well as other assistance for publication of the above; and

(d) if so,the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) &(b): Information has been gathered from the Ministry of Culture that Government of India has constituted a National Committee under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister to chalk out the programmes for commemoration of 150th Anniversary of First War of Indian Independence 1857; 60th Anniversary of Indian Independence; Centenary Celebration of Adoption of Vande Mataram as National Song; 75th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, and Birth Centenary of Shaheed Bhagat Singh.A National Implementation Committee under the Chairmanship of the Minister of Human Resource Development has also been constituted for implementation of the programmes and activities to commemorate these events.

(c) & (d): The Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) has been entrusted with the work for preparation of National Register of Martyrs as a part of commemoration of 150th Anniversary of First War of Indian Independence,1857.Government of India,Ministry of Culture has approved a budget outlay of Rs. 1,87,28,000/- and against which an advance of Rs. 1,40,46,000/- has been released to the ICHR for the purpose.